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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, AS, KN, KS
SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA

REF: STATE 15976

1. PER INSTRUCTION REFTEL, POL COUNSELOR CALLED ON
FONOFF ASIAN AFFAIRS DIRGEN TAKASHIMA JAN 25
AND URGED MORE POSITIVE GOJ APPROACHES TO GOA.

2. IN RESPONSE, TAKASHIMA SAID HE HAD CALLED IN
AUSTRALIAN CHARGE HORNE SAME MORNING TO GIVE MORE
FORMAL GOJ REACTION THAN THAT PROVIDED JAN 21
(TOKYO 1048). TAKASHIMA HAD TOLD HORNE THAT GOJ
REGRETTED TIMING OF GOA DECISION ABOVE ALL, BUT ALSO
EFFECT IT WOULD HAVE ON OTHER WESTERN GOVERNMENTS
AND KOREAN QUESTION IN UN. HE HAD ADDED THAT
WHILE THIS WAS NOT PROBLEM FOR GOA, DECISION
WOULD ALSO CREATE AWKWARD PROBLEM FOR GOJ
IN DIET.

3. HORNE DERIDED IDEA THAT GOA WOULD INFLUENCE
OTHER GOVTS, BUT UNDERSTOOD TIMING
POINT AND SAID HE WOULD CONVEY IT TO HIS GOVT.

4. IN RECOUNTING EPISODE TO POL COUNSELOR, TAKASHIMA
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SAID HE HAD GONE ON TO LUNCH WITH HORNE TO
DISCUSS MATTER FURTHER, AND CAME AWAY WITH
SENSATION THAT GOJ HAD SHOT ITS WAD BUT THAT

AUSTRALIANS WERE UNMOVED.

5. POL COUNSELOR OUTLINED TO TAKASHIMA SECOND DEMARCHE WE HAD MADE TO AUSTRALIANS IN WASHINGTON (REFTEL) AND URGED THAT GOJ ALSO PRESS GOA FOR POSTPONEMENT AND EFFORT TO GAIN SOME EE (FOR EXAMPLE YUGOSLAVIA) RECOGNITION OF ROK. TAKASHIMA REPLIED THAT GOJ HAD ALREADY URGED POSTPONEMENT, BUT HE WAS INTRIGUED BY SECOND POINT, SUGGESTING THAT ALTHOUGH BLOC WOULD NOT MOVE WITHOUT MOSCOW'S CONSENT, YUGOSLAVIA MIGHT PRESENT REAL POSSIBILITY. HOWEVER, DESPITE REPEATED URGING, TAKASHIMA WOULD NOT COMMIT HIMSELF TO ANY FURTHER ACTIONS.

6. COMMENT: WE HAVE DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT GOJ, WHILE REGRETFUL, BELIEVES IT CAN DO NO MORE THAN IT ALREADY HAS. SHOESMITH

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